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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, today we want to live out the true meaning of the motto of our Nation, "In God We Trust." All through this day we will live the psalmist's admonition for successful living: "Commit your way to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass."—Psalm 37:5. We claim the meaning of the word "commit" in Hebrew as "to roll over." We roll over our burdens from our shoulders onto Your mighty shoulders.

We begin this day very conscious of the burdens we have tried to carry ourselves: personal needs, physical problems, concerns for people we love, friends about whom we worry, plus all the responsibilities of work, and our unfinished projects and proposals. We take all of these and roll them over onto You. We trust You to give us strength to work today free of fretting frustration. We accept Your invitation through Peter: "Let God have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you."—1 Peter 5:7, Living Bible.

Thank You, that You have lightened our load of what we could not carry alone and strengthened our backs for what You call us to carry with Your help. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ZELL MILLER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 19, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MILLER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2356, the Campaign Finance Reform Act. Cloture was filed yesterday. Therefore, Senators have until 12:30 today to file first-degree amendments. Unless agreement is reached on final passage of campaign finance, the Senate will vote on cloture tomorrow morning.

While negotiations continue on campaign finance, we expect to resume consideration of the energy reform bill. I see Senator FEINGOLD. We will be happy if there are statements he or others wish to make on that legislation. But as I have indicated, unless there is some movement in the way of some amendments, we will try to get back to the energy reform bill.

Senator FEINSTEIN is here to move forward on the matter on which she

and Senator GRAMM have been working for about a week now.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, will the Senator from Nevada yield?

Mr. REID. I will be happy to yield.

Mr. LOTT. I know there have been a lot of negotiations back and forth on getting agreement on how to proceed on campaign finance reform. I was under the impression that perhaps an agreement was close.

Mr. REID. That is my understanding.

Mr. LOTT. Do you have information on that, and when do you expect we would try to enter into an agreement? Because obviously that affects the schedule of how we proceed on other issues, the energy bill in particular.

Mr. REID. Senator DASCHLE has authorized me to say that whenever there is agreement, he will move forward on it immediately. The fact is, there just has not been one yet, to my knowledge.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, if I could speak just for a moment—and I thank the minority leader—just to make it clear, the cloture motion has been filed. It will ripen tomorrow. Regardless of the other discussions and negotiations, our understanding is that will go forward. There are, however, negotiations going on with regard to some technical aspects, and we hope that can be worked out.

I want to be clear because sometimes it seems as if, in these conversations, people think the two are linked and nothing will move forward. The campaign finance bill is going forward and it will be voted on tomorrow, as a cloture vote, unless there is some agreement. But, yes, as the minority leader has suggested, there are some conversations and discussions going on that we hope will be fruitful.

Mr. REID. I say to my friend from Wisconsin, that is what I did say earlier. We have the votes scheduled tomorrow, and I ask Senators to file amendments, if they have them, by 12:30 today. It is my understanding, I say to both the Republican leader and

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